

helping them prepare for successful careers in agriculture through education and practical activities. The Manteno FFA members strive to meet this mission, and their hard work and community efforts have been rewarded.

During a time when we hear about everything that is wrong with America's youth Mr. Speaker, it is important that we honor our kids who are doing things right. I'm proud to have the young men and women of the Manteno FFA in my district, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in wishing the Manteno FFA members many future successes and the best of luck with their studies.

HONORING JOHN HYLAND

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a community thrives and prospers because of the people who live in it and contribute to it. The depth of how people feel about their neighborhoods tells us how much they love their community.

John Hyland is a man who has brought much to his community and to the people who live in it. His contributions are measured in what he has given to the area as a whole and to what he has given to his own special niche.

He has been a member of St. John's Parish in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx, worshipping there and attending its elementary school. He attended Samuel Gompers High School, also in the Bronx, and served his country in the Army for three years.

He returned to his community and in 1970 became a member of the New York City Auxiliary Police. In 1973 he was elected president of the Auxiliary Police Benevolent Association, serving in that capacity since.

But he is being honored now for the wonderful work he has done as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was elected president of the Daniel J. Quilty Division #7 in 1994 and reelected as president three times since.

Now, to the regret of his comrades in Division #7, he is moving to the Bronx County Board of the AOH as its newly elected president. He seems to be elected president of every organization he joins.

John Hyland has given much to those around him. I am honored to join his friends in praising him for all that he has done for us, as individuals and as a community.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP AT THE RIVERBANK ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and environmental cleanup effort at the Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant in Riverbank, California. Only eight short years ago, this plant was listed as the highest priority site within the Department of Defense's National Priority List for environmental contamination and remediation.

What has transpired since then is nothing short of miraculous. It is with a great sense of pride that I report that Secretary of the Army Togo West recently awarded Riverbank with a first place Secretary of the Army 1997 Environmental Award.

The award represents accomplishment and the crown jewel in an impressive list of "firsts" in the field of toxic waste cleanup which have been accomplished at Riverbank.

In response to President Clinton's challenge to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to achieve complete construction and operation of remediation systems at 900 toxic sites by the year 2000, Riverbank is the first federal installation to comply. Along the way, Riverbank became the first federal installation to implement a base-wide record of decision and long term solution to cleaning contaminated ground water which in large part resulted from World War II-era manufacturing at the plant.

Meeting the challenge head on, under the leadership of Jim Gansel and his staff, Riverbank distinguished itself by developing a proactive community relations program that has not only been praised and but has also been implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency at all other DoD cleanup sites. Currently, I am proud to report, the plant is in the final phase of long term remediation and monitoring after becoming the first federal installation to receive a construction completed report.

Mr. Speaker, this is a story of hard work and success. It reflects great credit on the dedicated men and women at the Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant as well as the entire 18th Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO ROGER ERICKSON

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a pioneering giant in radio who retired recently.

Roger Erickson is a radio legend in Minnesota. Roger has been entertaining and informing the vast listening audience of WCCO Radio in Minnesota for 38 years.

Radio dials all across Minnesota—on farms, in small towns, on mainstreet, throughout the suburbs and downtown—are stuck with chicken grease on WCCO because of the long-running, immense, talents of Roger Erickson and his longtime partner Charlie Boone.

It has been reported that this dynamic radio twosome may be the longest-running team in the history of U.S. broadcasting.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to call Roger Erickson my friend and constituent. Nobody has done more to cheer Minnesotans the past 38 years than Roger.

Roger Erickson grew up on a farm in Winthrop, Minnesota, listening to the radio station he would later dominate after graduating from my alma mater, the University of Minnesota.

Roger, our hat's off to thee!

Roger Erickson and his partner Charlie Boone are as well known as any Minnesotan. In all their years together, Erickson and Boone have never had a fight, which, as they quickly note, is a better record than most marriages.

I was fortunate to be present on January 9, 1998, when an amazing collection of Minnesotans joined Roger and his longtime partner for their final broadcast together. It was quite a scene, as former governors, leaders in medicine, industry and sports all gathered to pay tribute to these broadcasting giants, these pioneering "Paul Bunyans of the air."

Minnesota has spawned many heroes, from Charles Lindbergh to Hubert Humphrey. But no one has had a bigger impact and shaped life in Minnesota more than Roger Erickson, with his partner Charlie Boone.

Roger Erickson signing off the air is a truly landmark event. Minnesotans of all stripes saluted him for his public service in a swell of emotion and gratitude. Little wonder. This is an end of an era, and Roger will be sorely missed in our lives. When the snow flies in Minnesota, our ears are quickly tuned to Roger. He's the guy who closes our schools, and he does it with relish.

WCCO is known as the Good Neighbor, and Roger Erickson has been a good neighbor to every Minnesotan, a friend to turn to when life got rough or important news was in the air. When we needed a laugh, Roger made our sides split with his Scandinavian humor, a Minnesota Hospital full of eccentrics suffering from not-so-serious ills, and his role as the foil to Boone's Senator, whose public policy pronouncements sometimes made more sense than many would care to admit.

Mr. Speaker, as Roger said: "It's been a great run. How lucky can you be?"

Roger, it's been us, your loyal listeners, who have been the lucky ones. Thank you for all you have done to make our lives fuller, to make uniquely Minnesota moments more memorable.

We wish the very best to Roger, his wife Margaret, and their family. In the years ahead, when our sunrises are no longer greeted in concert with Roger Erickson singing the famous "Good Morning" song, we will be comforted knowing Roger is on his 20 acres in Minnesota, enjoying the quality of life he helped plant for all Minnesotans.

IN HONOR OF THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Turtle Bay Association as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

In 1957, when a volunteer group of tenants, home owners and small businesses in Manhattan's Turtle Bay area joined forces to oppose a plan to convert 49th Street into a major traffic corridor, the Turtle Bay Association was born. Forty years later, this active and committed group of community members is still working to ameliorate the Turtle Bay neighborhood.

Over the years, the Turtle Bay Association has initiated many efforts to preserve and beautify the neighborhood. The Association has spearheaded major renovations of several area parks, including: Peter Detmold Park and Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza and MacArthur Playground. As a result of the Turtle Bay Association's efforts, free concerns were held in Detmold Park this summer.